



MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, February 6, 2020 | 7:59 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Steve R. Christiansen
Rep. Kim F. Coleman
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Marsha Judkins

Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Keith Grover

Staff Present:

Russell T. Frandsen, Finance Officer
Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager
Kimberly D. Madsen, Financial Analyst
Paula Morgan, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Call to Order

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at at 8:43 a.m.

2 . Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Stephanie Burdick, citizen, spoke in support of Accountable Care.

Nate Crippes, Legislative and Policy Counsel, Disability Law Center, spoke in support of quality improvement incentives for Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF).

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked a question about State settlement and increasing rates for ICF. Nate Crippes replied to answer the question with more comment from Rep. Dailey-Provost.

3 . Report on Summary Statistics for Medicaid Expansion Initial Enrollment

Kimberly Madsen gave background information and reviewed the information about Medicaid statistics.

[4-Medicaid Baseline Statistics for GS 2020](#)

Rep. Judkins asked how to make the shift to full Medicaid expansion. Kimberly Madsen replied to explain.

Rep. Thurston requested to look at subgroups as well and Kimberly Madsen agreed to that.

4 . Medicaid - First Performance Report for New Items Funded in the 2019 General Session - Health

Russell Frandsen reviewed several items on the Building Block Measure report.

Tonya Hales, Assistant Division Director, Medicaid Program, reported about the impact of the provider rate increase on home health care.

[5b-Performance Measure Report 2020 GS Funded Items Medicaid](#)

Emma Chacon, Director of Operations, Medicaid, reported on Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Medicaid payments.

Nate Checketts, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Health (UDOH), reported on the Accountable Care rates.

Rep. Daw asked if Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) are the most efficient for delivering care in all circumstances. Nate Checketts responded with information on measures taken. There was continued discussion.

Russell Frandsen referred to the gray sheet Building Block List Ongoing General Funds - Agency Requests, Alternative Funding Sources. He referred to several items on the list and reviewed possible choices that could be made.

5 . Requests for Appropriation - Health (agency only)

[6b-UDOH Building Block Itemized Budgets - Medicaid](#)

Nathan Checketts, Deputy Director, UDOH, reviewed their department and services in relation to Medicaid. He also made budget requests and included how the funds would be spent as well as measures for success.

Eric Grant, Assistant Medicaid Director, presented the requested funding on Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Caseload, Inflation and Program Changes.

[6c-Issue Brief - 2019 Interim - Medicaid Consensus Forecasting - 2020 GS](#)

Russell Frandsen explained how to get on the Medicaid Consensus list.

Nate Checketts continued presenting information about Quality Improvements for Independent Care Facilities (ICF), item#EJ on the Building Block Ongoing General Funds - Agency Requests sheet.

Sen. Christensen requested information on the process to decide how the ICFs are eliminated. Nate Checketts clarified. There was continued comment from Sen. Christensen and continued response from Nate Checketts.

Tonya Hales, Assistant Director, Medicaid, shared a history of the program and explained about the autism provider rate increase request, item #EI on the Building Block Ongoing General Funds - Agency Requests sheet. There was input from Nate Checketts.

Rep. Dailey-Provost requested clarification on the percent of increase. Tonya Hales responded. Rep. Dailey-Provost also asked about the number of providers and Tonya Hales clarified.

Emma Chacon presented information on the rate increases being requested for Behavioral Health and Residential Treatment Services #DC on the Building Block List Ongoing General Funds - Agency Requests as well as reimbursement for methadone therapy item #EK also on the Building Block List Ongoing General Funds - Agency Requests.

Nate Checketts offered further input.

Rep. Ward asked for clarification on the methadone treatment and Nate Checketts clarified. There was continued discussion.

Rep. Judkins requested clarification on the methadone therapy coverage and asked for more information. Emma Chacon and Nate Checketts clarified. There was continued conversation.

Emma Chacon continued explaining requests being made for Funding Case Management for Rural Medicaid Clients (item #EH) on Building Block List Ongoing General Funds - Agency Requests.

Motions for Subcommittee Consideration Medicaid and Health Financing and Associated Funds, All BG motions

Review of Department of Health's Children's Health Insurance Program

Russell Frandsen referred to intergovernmental transfers. He addressed the Motions for Consideration sheet and referred to the BG items #BG1-12.

Nate Checketts addressed comments on item #BG2-5 as well as other BG items.

Rep. Christiansen requested more details on item #BG12. Nate checketts clarified by going through each item with Rep. Christiansen.

Russell Frandsen continued with information of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) on the Budget Motions items #BB1, with input from Nate Checketts on items #BB2 and BB3.

Nate Checketts addressed items #BB2 and BB#3 on the Budget Motions List.

6 . Preferred Drug List Savings Report Update

7 . Review of Department of Health's Medicaid and Health Financing Budget

Nate Checketts reviewed the document.

Russell Frandsen continued presenting information from the document entitled Review of Department of Health's Medicaid and Health Financing Budget including performance measures.

Chair Ray asked a question about prior authorizations and wait time. Nate Checketts answered the question.

Rep. Judkins asked for an explanation of Medicaid Charts dealing with eligibility and Federal funding and state funds. Nate Checketts clarified. There was continued conversation.

Rep. Ray commented.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve all of the BG and BB motions from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/27/2020. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-12

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. N. Thurston

Russell Frandsen answered Rep. Judkins question about funds per Subcommittee.

8 . DWS Operations and Policy - Base Budget

Kimberly Madsen presented information from the Base Budget statistics.

[11a-DWS - Ops and Policy Expenditure Details FY19](#)

Nathan Harrison, Finance Director, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), presented an update on the transition of Office of Child Care with the Operations and Policy.

[11c-DWS - OCC Expenditure Details FY19](#)

Kimberly Madsen continued explaining #DH motions for the Operations and Policy line item which are all available on the Motions for Consideration sheets.

Nathan Harrison continued explaining motions #DH3 - DH16

Rep. Christiansen requested information on #DH6, DH7 for clarification and also #DH9. Nathan Harrison clarified.

Rep. Robertson asked for further clarification on #DH6. Kevin Burt, DWS, Unemployment Insurance Division, further clarified with comment from Nathan Harrison.

Rep. Christiansen requested more clarification on items #DH12-15. Nathan Harrison clarified . Rep. Christiansen continued questioning.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the DH motions for the Operations and Policy line item on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/27/2020. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-10

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. N. Thurston

Kimberly Madsen explained #DD2 and #DD5 motions from the Motions for Consideration sheets.

Nathan Harrison continued explained the remaining #DD motions.

Rep. Christiansen asked for clarification on the amount mentioned on #DD24. Nathan Harrison explained.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the following DD motions for the Housing and Community Development line item: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 21, 24, 25 and 33 on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/27/2020. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward

9 . DWS Employability to Careers Program

Duncan Evans, Budget Manager, Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB), explained the program.

[13-2019 Employability to Careers Report Charts](#)

[13-Employability to Careers Program 2019 Annual Report](#)

Chair Ray commented about what is coming up for the Subcommittee tomorrow.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

Sen. A. Christensen
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Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
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Rep. M. Judkins
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Nays-0Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
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Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 10:52 AM.